

## THE PINE TREE STATE.

MAINE TRUE TO HER HISTORY.

STAUNCHLY REPUBLICAN FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS

—HER POLITICAL VARIATIONS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS—HOW THE REPUBLICAN PARTY MET THE TERRIBLE ONSET LAST SEPTEMBER—A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF AND A BRIGHT FUTURE.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE]

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 8.—Directly after the September election in Maine, resulting, as it did, in a partial reversal to the Republicans, certain persons rushed into print in papers outside the State with their censorious reasons for the mishap. They attempted with envious criticism to locate and distribute the blame on somebody and indulged in a general jeremiad over what they termed Republican mismanagement. These criticisms were invariably from persons who had either done nothing in the cause or presented themselves as hindrance or obstructions. Active men in the party, intent only on redressing the State, were unwilling at the time to make any reply and thus frittered away in a needless controversy the energy that should be given to recovering the State. Now that the campaign is well over, and Maine is once more soundly and strongly Republican on the largest vote ever thrown by her people, it may be meet and proper to say a word about the political history of the State for these many years past.

Maine became a Republican State by the great triumph of Hannibal Hamlin in the Gubernatorial campaign of 1856. From that time to the year 1878—for twenty-two consecutive annual elections for Governor and in six Presidential campaigns—she was unflinchingly and invariably Republican, with a single exception of a single term. She sent during these twenty-two years an unbroken delegation of Republican Representatives to Congress.

How many of the strong States that joined in the election of Garfield failed or faltered at different crises during this unbroken Republican supremacy in Maine! During that time New York has had Seymour Governor for one term, Hoffman for two terms, Tilden for one term, and Robinson for one term, and even now has a Democrat in the Senate of the United States. Pennsylvania has twice been captured by the Democrats in important State elections, and has had two Democrats in the United States Senate. Connecticut has been almost half the time Democratic, and only in the last Congress has had two Democratic Senators, and now has one. Massachusetts failed in 1874 and elected a Regular Democrat Governor of the Commonwealth. New-Hampshire did the same. Ohio has had William Allen and Richard Bishop for Governors, and at this moment two Democratic Senators. Indiana has two Democratic Senators, and for the past eight years has had Democratic Governors. Illinois has a Democratic Senator, and Wisconsin has had a Democratic Governor. These are all now stalwart Republican States, but observe how serious have been their defections and alienations during the twenty-two years that Maine stood as steadily Republican as the needle points to the pole.

In 1878 the Greenback craze ran over Maine. The hard times following the panic of 1873 struck Maine later than other States—but then struck very hard. In 1874, when nearly all the Republicans were weakened under the financial pressure, and the Democrats carried the National House, Maine stood firm as a rock and elected an unbroken delegation of Republicans. In 1877, the campaign following Mr. Hayes's inauguration was a depressing one to the Maine Republicans. The party could not be united in support of the President's policy, and there was a general indisposition to create divisions by making an open fight on the head of the Administration. Hence weakness, distrust, irresolution and dissatisfaction pervaded the Republican ranks. In the State campaign of 1877 there was not a single speech made on the Republican side. The stalwarts, who were seven-eights of the party, did not wish openly to assault the President, and the few who supported the policy could not have secured respectable audience even had they manifested desire to take up the controversy. In the State Convention the Hayes and anti-Hayes elements nearly came to open rupture, which was fortunately averted by the pacific policy of Senator Blaine. At the critical moment he poured out on the troubled waters and caused the Convention to avoid any outbreak. The result, however, was a listless, pointless, spiritless campaign in which a Republican majority was polled by the continuing momentum that had come over from the preceding year, in which, under Senator Blaine's lead, such a splendid campaign had been made for Hayes and Wheeler.

The year 1878 came upon us then with the tightening pressure of continuing hard times, with the loosened and loosening forces of party discipline, and very naturally found a large fraction of the Republican party ready to take up with the pleasing and delusive fallacies of the Greenback party. The election of that year resulted most disastrously, the fusion of Democrats and Greenbackers beating the Republicans by more than thirteen thousand on the popular vote. In 1879 the Republicans made a most vigorous campaign, regained the Legislature in both branches, and gave the candidate for Governor an immense plurality, but not an absolute majority of the vote—the deficiency being about one thousand. The State stood that followed, and all its exciting incidents are fresh in the minds of the public.

Thus we reach the campaign of 1880. Whether wisely or unwisely, whether with good ground or with no ground, the Republicans of Maine desired with great unanimity the nomination of Senator Blaine for the Presidency. Not their votes and voices only, but their hearts were in it. Besides an abominable picked list of delegates, two hundred men, among the very best of the Republican party of Maine, with Senator Blaine at the head, went to Chicago. The result was a time very disappointing to the party in Maine, and during that period Blaine was nominated, and with the boom that followed the Democrats of Maine were immensely encouraged and firmly believed they could carry the State. The National Democratic Committee shared in the belief, and poured money into the State-by-counties funds. The fight came on early, before the country was awakened to the great merit and the strong popularity of Garfield as a candidate, and the strong popularity of Garfield as a candidate, before the tariff issue had roused the people, and two months in advance of the general election, the Republicans of Maine (not fully recovered from their disappointment) were thus forced to fight on the picked line, and to meet the Democratic party at the highest point of its courage, in its first great onset, armed and equipped with an enormous campaign fund. That the Republicans of Maine came out as well as they did seems, as we look back, rather to be matter of wonder. That against all these adverse influences they should have carried both branches of the Legislature and thrown a vote only twice before excelled in the history of the party was an immense achievement.

Suppose at the very time Maine was forced into the fight the other Republican States had been subjected to the same test. What might have been the result in Connecticut, in New-York, in Indiana, in New-Hampshire, even in Pennsylvania, and even in Ohio, if they had been compelled to vote two months in advance of the time they actually cast their ballots?

Maine has now recovered her prestige, and at her next election, two years hence, she will come back to an old-fashioned Republican majority. She has passed her day of embarrassment and her humiliation, and will recover her full prestige for perhaps another period of a score of years. The party was thoroughly united on Garfield, and will give to his Administration a most cordial and hearty support. There are no enemies and rancors among the Republicans of Maine, and no more of rivalry and jealousy than will be found inseparable from activity and ambition.

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NEWPORT, R. I., Nov. 9.—James R. Keene, a special steamer on Sunday to bring him from Wickford Junction, on the Shore Line Railroad, to this city, where he spent Sunday with his family.

A very salutary grandpa will be to the piano of the widow now in front of "Stoneville," the residence of James Gordon Bennett on Bellevue-ave., opposite the Newport Casino. Other important improvements are contemplated in and about Mr. Bennett's summer house.

Lieutenant-Commander A. D. Brown, United States Navy, has taken possession of the Potter cottage on Mill-st. for the winter.

C. N. Bell and family, of Hartford, Conn., have just vacated "Hartford" for the season.

General Robert B. Miller and family, of New-York, have closed "The Rock" on the water, and taken up their residence at Washington.

J. S. Howard, of New-York, and Samuel F. Pratt, of Boston, have gone to Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter.

The Rev. C. H. Malone, D. D., of this city, will probably be the first recently extended in his life to the pulpit of the First Congregational Church, to become his successor. Dr. Macmillan died and is buried in Brooklyn.

Thomas E. Birney, brother of the Assistant Secretary of War at Washington, and family will spend the winter in Europe.

Charles Lyman, of Marion, and Thomas Mott, of Philadelphia, have returned to their winter homes. They are the only two men who will be present on the winter market. Quite a number of genuine men have the winter in Europe.

Lieutenant-Commander C. F. Goodrich, United States Navy, executive officer of an ironclad torpedo-boat, here, and posted to a ship's gunner. He and his family will go to Europe at an early day.

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